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Review of UNECE Recommendations

Comments by the delegation of South Africa: Recommendation for Dried Pineapples

Submitted by the delegation of South Africa

The following comments were submitted by the delegation of South Africa and concern the UNECE Recommendation for Dried Pineapples.

Dried Pineapples

Comments:

South Africa agrees to the quality provisions as suggested and discussed in the meeting.

South Africa agrees to the moisture contents as suggested and discussed.

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Under IV. Provisions concerning tolerances - A. Quality tolerances

Foreign matter of mineral origin (by weight)

Currently:

(c) Tolerances for other defects			
[Dried pineapples belonging to varieties other than that indicated]	10	10	10
Foreign matter, core fragments, [find defect] skin fragments (pieces per kilo)	10	20	30
Foreign matter of mineral origin (by weight)	0.25	0.25	0.25

Comments and proposal from South Africa:

South Africa considers that "foreign matter of mineral origin (by weight) of 0.25" is a bit too much.

For example: 0.25 of 100g will be 25g (our interpretation) which we believe is a lot.

South Africa suggests change "by weight" to "by percentage" or the limit be 0.025 (by weight) for all classes.